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11. SUMMARY: THE ABUSE OF IRAQI PRISONERS IN ABU GHAREEB PRISON

CONTINUED TO DOMINATE COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. AN "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIAL NOTED THAT EVEN THE AMERICANS FEEL ASHAMED OF THE ABUSE OF THE IRAQI PRISONERS. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL KHALEEJ" ALSO NOTED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF THIS SCANDAL IS TO HAND IRAQ OVER TO IRAQIS. END SUMMARY.

12. NOTING THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR THE AMERICAN AND UK ADMINISTRATIONS TO GET RID OF THE PRISONERS SCANDAL IS TO HAND IRAQ BACK TO IRAQIS, SHARJAH-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" 05/11: (CIRCULATION 75,000)

". HANDING OVER IRAQ TO IRAQIS IS THE ONLY WAY THE COMMITTERS OF THESE CRIMES COULD DO PENANCE FOR THEIR HORRIBLE ACTIONS. THIS SHOULD HAPPEN WITHOUT PLAYING ANY GAMES LIKE THAT OF TRANSFERRING ADMINISTRATION, BUT KEEPING THE RIGHT OF AUTHORITY WITH THE OCCUPATION, ESPECIALLY AFTER EVERYTHING THAT WAS HIDDEN WAS REVEALED AND THE REAL REASONS BEHIND OCCUPYING IRAQ ARE BECOMING OBVIOUS."

13. COMMENTING ON THE U.S. NEGLIGENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE PRISONERS ABUSE, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED "AL BAYAN" ON 05/10: (CIRCULATION 30,000)

". THE ASTONISHING THING IS THAT THE U.S. IS SPREADING JOURNALS THAT TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY, PEACE, AND THE FUTURE THAT IS AWAITING THE IRAQIS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO ERASE THIS SCANDAL BY PUNISHING THE COMMITTERS! THIS IS WHAT IS SO IRONIC AND DISGUSTING, JUST LIKE BUSH'S DISGUST."

14. NOTING THAT THERE IS FEAR THAT SHARON INTENDS TO ESCALATE THE SITUATION IN PALESTINE, LEBANON, AND SYRIA TO COVER THE SCANDAL OF THE IRAQI PRISONERS ABUSE, "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 05/10:

". WORKING TO MAKE THE ARABS WEAKER IS THROUGH TORTURING THEM AND PUBLICIZING THEIR PICTURES WHILE BEING ABUSED SO THE FEELING OF DESPAIR AND DEPRESSION WILL SPREAD, AND EVERYTHING THAT IS MEANT TO BE IMPOSED WILL BE THROUGH TORTURE."

15. POINTING OUT THE SHAME OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ABUSE OF THE IRAQI PRISONERS, ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 05/09: (CIRCULATION 100,000)

". THIS DISGRACE AND SHAME THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FEELING IS CONNECTED TO LETTING JUSTICE TAKE ITS COURSE WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE AND TO MAKING THOSE CONVICTED IN THIS SCANDAL PAY FOR WHAT THEY DID WHATEVER THEIR RANK, IN ADDITION TO COMPENSATING THE VICTIMS FOR THE TORTURE AND HUMILIATION THEY WENT THROUGH."

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